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Soprano
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Soprano
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Soprano
Verona, WI

Este Candela

Soprano
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Grace Cazzaniga

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Victoria Chan

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Nicole Corbett

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Baritone
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Soprano
Shanghi, CHN

Elaina Noto

Mezzo-soprano
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Soprano
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Juliette Pradlik

Soprano
Bronx, NY

Madisyn Rivera

Soprano
Walden, NY

Noella Sexton

Mezzo-soprano
Smithtown, NY

Rachelle Snyder

Soprano
Zanesville, OH

Joseph Stroppel

Tenor
Glen Cove, NY

Mayu Tayama

Mezzo-soprano
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Dylan Turicek

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Opera Division Showcase

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 • 7PM
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Riley Musi

"Piangero la Sorte Mia"

Giulio Cesare by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Liliana Mann

"Torna, Vezzosa"

by Vincenzo Bellini
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Cynthia Dai

"Prendi"

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Victoria Chan

Willow Song

Ballad of Baby Doe by Douglas Moore
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Chloe Bloom

"Auf dem wasser zu singen"

by Franz Schubert
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Mica Woodburn

"In Uomini in Soldati"

Così fan Tutte by W. A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Bailey Wilson

"When the air sings of summer"

The Old Maid and the Thief by Gian Carlo Menotti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Christina Draper

"Sta Nell'ircana"

Alcina by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Rachelle Snyder

"Salut a la France"

La Fille du Regiment by Gaetano Donizetti
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Katherine Clifford

Jewel Song

Faust by Charles Gounod
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Lucas Mann

"Care pupille"

La Finta Giardiniera by W. A. Mozart
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Curtlyn Ifill

"Ach ich fühl's"

Die Zauberflöte by W. A. Mozart
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Alyssa Mener

"Glitter and be Gay"

Candide by Leonard Bernstein
Kelly Horsted, Piano

- Intermission -

Zachary Kelly

"Lieben Hassen"

Ariadne auf Naxos by Richard Strauss
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Haylee Caserta

"Caro nome"

Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Mayu Tayama

"Iris, Hence away"

Semele by George Frideric Handel
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Juliette Pradlik

"Vedrai Carino"

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Ambrose Cusick

"Saper Vorreste"

Un Ballo in Maschera by Giuseppe Verdi
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Nathaniel Pappachen

"Fin ch'an dal vino"

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Molly Nemirow

"Cruda Sorte"

L'italiana in Algeri by Gioachino Rossini
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Emily Pace

"Einst traumte"

Der Freischutz by Carl Maria von Weber
Kelly Horsted, Piano

Austyn Park

"Una Furtiva"

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti
Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Rebecca Marchan-Espino

"Una Voce Poco Fa"

Il barbiere di Siviglia by Gioachino Rossini
Kelly Horsted, Piano

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Emily Pace

“Trube Augen”

Die Freischütz by Carl Maria von Weber

Cris Frisco, Piano

Dylan Turicek

“Quanto e bella”

L'Elisir D'Amore by Gaetano Donizetti

Cris Frisco, Piano

Estelle Candela

“Be kind and courteous”

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Benjamin Britten

Cris Frisco, Piano

Julia Ching

“Smanie implacabile”

Così fan tutte by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

Nikki Corbett

“Die Nacht”

by Richard Strauss

Cris Frisco, Piano

Jayde Molfetto

“Wrapped in a ribbon and tied in a bow”

Street Scene by Kurt Weill

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Abby Jackson

“Va Godendo”

Serse by George Frideric Handel

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Elainia Noto

“Voi Che Sepete”

Le nozze di Figaro by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Katherine Copeland

Emily's Aria

Our Town by Ned Rorem

Cris Frisco, Piano

Elliot Henderson

“Soupir”

by Henri Duparc

Cris Frisco, Piano

Grace Cazzaniga

“In Uomini”

Così fan Tutte by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Rebecca Barry

Laurie's Song

The Tender Land by Aaron Copland

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Sarah Julien

“Frere Voyez”

Werther by Jules Massenet

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Chelsie Howell

“Del Cabello mas Sutil”

The Music Man by Meredith Wilson

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Madisyn Rivera

“Till there was you”

The Music Man by Meredith Wilson

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Emma Dial

“Ain't it a pretty night”

Susannah by Carlisle Floyd

Cris Frisco, Piano

Evan McMahon

“Ich Baue Ganz”

Die Entführung aus dem Serail by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

- Intermission -

Isabel Breakey

“Caro nome”

Rigoletto by Guiseppe Verdi

Cris Frisco, Piano

Kai Harrington

“Non So Più”

Le nozze di Figaro by W.A. Mozart

Cris Frisco, Piano

Brian Louis

“The Vagabond”

by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Noella Sexton

“I bought this suitcase in New York”

Flight by Jonathan Dove

Cris Frisco, Piano

Dorothy Nie

“Kommt ein schlanker”

Der Freischütz by Carl Maria von Weber

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Gavin Gallagher

“Bella siccome”

Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti

Cris Frisco, Piano

Narissa Nagee

“What good would the moon be?”

Street Scene by Kurt Weill

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Eliza Goldsteen

“George”

by William Bolcom

Cris Frisco, Piano

Tiana White

“Signore ascolta”

Turandot by Giacomo Puccini

Cris Frisco, Piano

Joseph Stroppel

“Il Mio Tesoro”

Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart

Nicholas Kaponyas, Piano

Daphne Buan

“His name is Jan”

Breaking the Waves by Missy Mazzoli

Cris Frisco, Piano

Anastasia Kourotchkina

“Donde Lieta”

La bohème by Giacomo Puccini

Cris Frisco, Piano

Noelle Duke

“Csárdás”

Die Fledermaus by Richard Strauss

Cris Frisco, Piano

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Operatic Scenes

DIRECTED BY DIANE MACHIN

*FEATURING PIANISTS CRIS FRISCO, ELAINE SMITH PURCELL,
JASON HANDY, KELLY HORSTED, AND RON LAND.*



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**MONDAY AUG. 4 &
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ROOM 270

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Queens Summer Vocal Institute presents

Operatic Scenes

Monday August 4, 2025 • 7:30PM

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 • 7:30PM

Room 270 • Aaron Copland School of Music

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Monday, August 4, 2025

Mozart: “Nur Stille Stille” from *Die Zauberflöte*

Stage Director • Shay Nowik

Music Director • Nicholas Kaponyas

Queen • Alex Paul Sheerin

First Lady • Mica Woodburn

Second Lady • Jayde Molfetto

Third Lady • Molly Nemirow

Mozart: “Ah Guarda Sorella” from *Così fan Tutte*

Music Director • Cris Frisco

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Fiordiligi • Estelle Candela

Dorabella • Elaina Noto

Rachel Portman: *The Little Prince*

Stage Director • Diane Machin

Music Director • Cris Frisco

Rose Duet

Rose • Dorothy Nie

Prince • Ambrose Cusick

Fox Duet

Fox • Chelsie Howell

Prince • Ambrose Cusick

Bizet: Card Scene from *Carmen*

Stage Director • Diane Machin

Music Director • Kelly Horsted

Carmen • Julia Ching

Mercedes • Grace Cazzaniga

Frasquita • Mica Woodburn

Gilbert & Sullivan: “Invocation” from *Iolanthe*

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Music Director • Kelly Horsted

Iolanthe • Estelle Candela

Celia • Elaina Noto

Leila • Jayde Molfetto

Puccini: *La bohème* Quartet

Stage Director • Diane Machin

Music Director • Cris Frisco

Mimi • Anastasia Kourotchkina

Musetta • Sarah Julien

Rodolfo • Evan McMahon

Marcello • Elliot Henderson

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Henry Purcell: *Dido and Aeneas*

Music Director • Kelly Horsted

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Sorceress • Kai Harrington

First Witch • Abigail Jackson

Second Witch • Grace Cazzaniga

Cimarosa: Trio from *Matrimonio Segreto*

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Music Director • Kelly Horsted

Carolina • Nicole Corbett

Elisetta • Sarah Julien

Fidalma • Molly Nemirow

Mozart: “Via Resti Servita” from *Le nozze di Figaro*

Stage Director • Shay Nowik

Music Director • Nicholas Kaponyas

Susanna • Dorothy Nie

Marcellina • Narissa Nagee

Dave Molloy: “Sonya and Natasha” from *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*

Stage Director • Diane Machin

Music Director • Kelly Horsted

Sonya • Abigail Jackson

Natasha • Nicole Corbett

Strauss: Presentation of the Rose from *Der Rosenkavalier*

Stage Director • Diane Machin

Music Director • Cris Frisco

Octavian • Julia Ching

Sophie • Isabel Breaky

Mozart: “Il core vi dono” from *Così fan Tutte*

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Music Director • Nick Kaponyas

Dorabella • Nicole Corbett

Guglielmo • Zach Kelly

Adamo: Final Quartet from *Little Women*

Music Director • Cris Frisco

Stage Director • Peter Nictakis

Jo • Kai Harrington

Meg • Tiana White

Beth • Estelle Candela

Amy • Chloe Rose Bloom

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BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN



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Lynda Irizarry

Cast

Monday, August 3

Judge	Rebecca Barry
Counsel	Ambrose Cusick
Defendant	Lilianna Mann
Plaintiff	Haylee Caserta
Usher	Mica Woodburn
Foreman	Jayde Molfetto
Bridesmaids	Abby Jackson
	Madisyn Rivera
	Juliette Pradik
	Bethany Leung
Jury	Rachelle Snyder
	Julia Ching
	Curtlyn Ifill

Cast

Tuesday, August 4

Judge	Curtlyn Ifill
Counsel	Ambrose Cusick
Defendant	Rachelle Snyder
Plaintiff	Haylee Caserta
Usher	Julia Ching
Foreman	Jayde Molfetto
Bridesmaids	Abby Jackson
	Madisyn Rivera
	Juliette Pradik
	Bethany Leung
Jury	Lilianna Mann
	Mica Woodburn
	Rebecca Barry

Synopsis

Can you sue someone for breaking off an engagement? In Gilbert and Sullivan's courtroom farce Trial by Jury, it's a very serious crime! The fickle and bigoted defendant, Edwin, has fallen in love with another woman and has jilted the plaintiff, the beautiful Angelina. Unfortunately for Edwin, all of the members of the jury (and the judge) have fallen for Angelina themselves. Edwin proposes that in order to solve the conflict, he "marry this lady today and the other tomorrow," which, naturally, Angelina objects to. How does it end? You'll need to tune in and find out!

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Hansel and Gretel

BY ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK



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**THURSDAY AUG. 7 @ 7:30PM &
SATURDAY AUG. 9 @ 4PM**

LEFRAK CONCERT HALL
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Hansel and Gretel

Thursday, August 7, 2025 • 7:30PM

Saturday, August 9, 2025 • 4PM

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Cast

Thursday, August 7

Gingerbread
Chorus

Gretel	Daphne Buan
Hänsel	Rebecca Marchan-Espino
Mutter	Molly Nemirow
Vater	Bailey Wilson
Sandmännchen	Eliza Goldsteen
Taumännchen	Sarah Julien
Die Knusperhexe	Mayu Tayama

Saturday, August 9

Gretel	Emily Pace
Hänsel	Christina Draper
Mutter	Anastasia Kourotschkina
Vater	Bailey Wilson
Sandmännchen	Chelsie Howell
Taumännchen	Dorothy Nie
Die Knusperhexe	Noelle Duke

Creative

Music Director/Pianist	Violetta Zabbi
Stage Director	Abril Valbuena
Assistant Director	Shay Nowik
Production Assistants	Annalisa Emmett Lynda Irizarry
Conductor, Gingerbread	Wenyu Wang
Music Preparation, Gingerbread	Elaine Smith Purcell

Chenxi (Hestia) Cao

Mia Iris Cruz

Sara Gulati

Beatrice Huppert

Stella Imamichi

Amelia Mayo

Julianna Mione

Emily Pulver

Yihan Qin

Jazlyn Richey

Ashley Rodriguez

Luna Salvador

Elizabeth Smith

Marissa Vollweiler

Lily Wasoski

Shuangying (Sharon) Wei

Savannah Weldon

Ellen Williamson

Isla Wu

Nicole Zhang

Synopsis

Act I

Hansel and Gretel revisit their childhood memories in the attic to distract themselves from hunger. Their mother gets home from work and, angry that they haven't gotten their chores done, sends them out to the forest to collect berries. When their father gets home and hears what's happened, he tells mother of the evil child-eating witch who lives in the forest, and both parents run out in search of their children.

Act II

In the forest, Hansel has picked some berries, but the siblings soon eat them all. They suddenly find themselves lost and are frightened by the creepy forest. The Sandman comes to bring them sleep, and the siblings pray together and fall asleep.

Act III

In the morning, the Dew Fairy brings the siblings out of sleep. Gretel wakes Hansel and they find that they had the same dream in which 14 angels visited them. They discover a beautiful house made of sweets and candy and are very excited to have a treat! The witch appears, captures the siblings, and puts a spell on them. Hansel and Gretel plot to break the spell and trick the Witch, who has been attempting to fatten up Hansel to eat him and to bake Gretel in the oven. The siblings successfully shove the the Witch into the oven, and then save the other children who were baked into gingerbread. Hansel and Gretel are reunited with their mother and father, and all are grateful and joyous.

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ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

BY JACQUES OFFENBACH



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ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

Friday, August 8, 2025 • 7:30PM
Saturday, August 9, 2024 • 7:30PM

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Cast		Friday Saturday	Ensemble	
Euridice	Riley Musi Isabel Breakey		Violin	Chloë Dickens
Diana	Katherine Clifford Katherine Copeland		Cello	Heewon Jeon
Juno	Noella Sexton Emma Dial		Flute	Mina Sukovic
Venus	Lindsay McAuliffe Cynthia Dai		Clariant	Taig Egan
Cupid	Victoria Chan		Percussion	Dylan Ofrias
Mercury	Narissa Nagee Lucas Mann		Oboe	Zachary Ashland
John Styx	Elliot Henderson		Piano	Nasir Ashraf
Public Opinion	Tiana White Alyssa Mener		Synopsis Act 1: Library on Earth Public Opinion sets the scene for the ensuing drama: Eurydice is dissatisfied. Her husband, Orpheus, is obsessed with music, and she wishes to have a more attentive admirer. In fact, she has already taken a new lover, the beekeeper Aristaeus (the mortal disguise of the god Pluto, ruler of the Underworld). When she is mortally wounded, Pluto reveals himself, and the two go happily off to the Underworld. Orpheus is pleased with the outcome. Unfortunately for him, Public Opinion declares that decency requires the reluctant Orpheus to retrieve his wife. Act II: Olympus Academy Croquet Garden Orpheus and Public Opinion go to Mount Olympus to broach the issue with Jupiter, ruler of the gods. Before he can take on Orpheus's concern, Jupiter must settle his own family problems with his own discontented wife. Pluto is summoned after Mercury suggests that he may have had something to do with the recent death and disappearance of Eurydice. Other gods offer a distraction in the form of a protest against the tedium of daily life on Olympus. Jupiter, knowing that his own liaisons with mortal women have given the gods a low reputation, agrees to investigate the Eurydice situation, and the other gods, seeking diversion, accompany him to the Underworld. Act III: A backroom at Club Plutopia Eurydice is bored by life in the Underworld, where she lives under house arrest, guarded by John Styx. When the gods arrive from Olympus, her jailer hides her away, and it takes the intervention of the playful Cupid to bring Jupiter—in the form of a fly—face-to-face with the lady. Jupiter takes a fancy to Eurydice and suggests that the two of them depart for Olympus. Eurydice agrees to the arrangement, but Pluto objects to Jupiter's interference. Act IV: Club Plutopia In Club Plutopia, Pluto is giving a party for the gods, and Jupiter has brought Eurydice in disguise. Pluto soon discovers her identity. Bowing to Public Opinion, Jupiter declares that Orpheus must at least try to take Eurydice home, but he must do so without looking back. Orpheus fails the test when Jupiter throws a lightning bolt and startles him into turning around. Thus is Orpheus freed of Eurydice. Jupiter ultimately has other plans for Eurydice's future. Only Public Opinion finds this an unsatisfactory conclusion.	
Jupiter	Gavin Gallagher Zachary Kelly			
Orpheus	Austyn Park Joseph Stroppel			
Pluto	Dylan Turicek Evan McMahon			
Mars	Nathaniel Pappachen Brian Louis			
Featured Ensemble	Chloe Rose Bloom, Estelle Candela, Grace Cazzaniga, Nicole Corbett, Kai Harrington			
Ensemble	Rachelle Snyder, Lilianna Mann, Haylee Caserta, Abigail Emhardt, Kai Harrington, Mica Woodburn, Ambrose Cusick, Bethany Leung, Julia Ching, Abigail Jackson, Curtlyn Ifill, Rebecca Barry, Leighton Cheuk, Adriel Condori, Hugh Snyder, Casey Schopflocher, Walker Gigliotti, David Kagan			
Creative				
Director of Opera Division, Stage Director	Alex Paul Sheerin			
Conductor	Louis Burkot			
Assistant Conduction	Wenyu Wang			
Music Director	Nasir Ashraf			
Assistant Stage Director/Choreographer	Diane Machin			
Production Assistants	Lynda Irizarry Annalisa Emmett			
English Adaptation	Buck Ross			
Music Adaptation	Omari Tau			

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***Orfeo ed Euridice* : Chorus of the**

Furies • C. W. Gluck

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“Oiseaux si tu les ans” • W.A. Mozart

Nicole Zhang

“Spirate pur, spirate” • S. Donaudy

Sara Gulati

“Red River Valley” • arr. C. Dougherty

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***Blue Mountain Ballads*: “Cabin”** •

P. Bowles

Adriel Condori

***Canciones Amatorias*: “No lloréis,**

ojuelos” • E. Granados

Juliana Miano

***The Music Man*: “Goodnight, my**

someone” • M. Wilson

Jazlyn Richey

“Giusto amor” • L. Reichardt

Emily Pulver

“Love’s Philosophy” • R. Quilter

Mia Iris Cruz

“Al fin” • E. Lecuona

Isabelle Eisdorfer

***Nine*: “Unusual Way”** • M. Yeston

Amelia Mayo

***Die Schöne Müllerin*: “Wohin?”** •

F. Schubert

Leighton Cheuk

***La Serva Padrona*: “Stizzoso, mio**

stizzoso” • G.B. Pergolesi

Yihan Qin

“Beau soir” • C. Debussy

Luna Salvador

“Clouds” • N. Rorem

Ellen Williamson

***Orpheus in the Underworld* : Act II**

Finale • J. Offenbach

Jupiter • Zachary Kelly and Gavin

Gallagher

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- Intermission -

“O del mio dolce ardor” • C.W. Gluck

Marissa Vollweiler

“Am Grabe Anselmos” • F. Shubert

David Kagan

“Vaga luna che inargenti” • V. Bellini

Shuangying Wei

“Now sleeps the crimson petal...” •

R. Quilter

Stella Imamichi

“Shenandoah” • arr. C. Dougherty

Walker Gigliotti

“What if some little pain?” • N. Rorem

Elizabeth Smith

***Ever After*: “Who needs Love?”** •

Goldrich & Zeisler

Lily Wasoski

“This Heart that Flutters” • B. Moore

Chenxi Cao

“Lachen und Weinen” • F. Shubert

Isla Wu

***A Shropshire Lad*: “Look not in my**

eyes” • G. Butterworth

Emmanuel Tsao

“Aprile” • F. Tosti

Savannah Weldon

“Notre amour” • G. Faure

Ashley Rodriguez

“O Boundless, Boundless Evening” •

S. Barber

Casey Schopflocher

“Music I Heard with You” • R.

Hageman

Beatrice Huppert

***The Little Prince* : The Fox Scene and**

Finale • R. Portman and N. Wright

The Fox • Chelsie Howell

Prince • Ambrose Cusick

The Pilot • Kai Harrington

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